

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system wherein the apparatus communicates with another apparatus through a radio channel, comprising:

monitoring means for monitoring whether or not a transmission request for data, designating the particular apparatus itself as a transmission destination, has been issued by said particular apparatus or the other apparatus connected thereto through a network;

generation means for generating a process to serve as a reception destination for the data and generating a buffer in correspondence with the process, when said monitoring means has detected the issue of the transmission request;

transfer means for transferring the data from a transmission request source to said process in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type, so as to store in the buffer the data transmitted by the transmission request source; and

transmission means for transmitting the data stored in said buffer, to said other apparatus through the radio channel.

2. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 1, wherein said transmission means transmits transmission destination information to be designated, in accordance with a
5 protocol of an upper layer with respect to layers of said radio channel.

3. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

10 detection means for detecting a data storing state of said buffer;

wherein said transfer means controls a communication speed of the virtual circuit type communications in accordance with a detected result
15 of said detection means.

4. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

20 detection means for detecting a data storing state of said buffer;

wherein said transfer means controls a communication speed of the virtual circuit type communications in accordance with a detected result of said detection means.

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5. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

specification means for specifying a sequence number of the transmission data at a point of time of the disconnection, when said radio channel has been disconnected;

wherein said transmission means restarts the data transmission from said data of the sequence number specified by said specification means, when said radio channel has been re-connected.

6. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

specification means for specifying a sequence number of the transmission data at a point of time of the disconnection, when said radio channel has been disconnected;

wherein said transmission means restarts the data transmission from said data of the sequence number specified by said specification means, when said radio channel has been re-connected.

7. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

specification means for specifying a sequence

number of the transmission data at a point of time of the disconnection, when said radio channel has been disconnected;

5 wherein said transmission means restarts the data transmission from said data of the sequence number specified by said specification means, when said radio channel has been re-connected.

10 8. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 4, further comprising:

 specification means for specifying a sequence number of the transmission data at a point of time of the disconnection, when said radio channel has been disconnected;

15 wherein said transmission means restarts the data transmission from said data of the sequence number specified by said specification means, when said radio channel has been re-connected.

20 9. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 1, wherein when a plurality of such buffers are generated by said generation means, said transmission means reads out data successively from the buffers of higher priority
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wherein when the registration of the requested data in said cache memory has been detected by said search means, said process transfers said requested data in said cache memory, to said transmission request source through said transfer

means.

12. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system wherein the apparatus communicates with another apparatus through a radio channel, comprising:

reception means for receiving data sent in through the radio channel;

monitoring means for monitoring whether or not said reception means has received data which conforms to a protocol suspended in layers of said radio channel;

generation means for generating a process to serve as a reception destination for the data, when said monitoring means has detected the reception of the pertinent data; and

transfer means for transferring the data received by the process, to a transmission request destination in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type.

13. An apparatus for use in a radio communication system as defined in claim 12, further comprising:

a cache memory which stores therein data

sent back from the transmission request destination in response to the data transfer of said transfer means; and

search means for searching as to whether or not data requested by the data sent in through said radio channel is registered in said cache memory; and

transmission means for transmitting said requested data in said cache memory, to said transmission request source through said radio channel, when the registration of the requested data in said cache memory has been detected by said search means.

Sub 4. A program recording medium storing therein programs which are employed for incarnating an apparatus for use in a radio communication system wherein the apparatus communicates with another apparatus through a radio channel, the programs causing a computer to execute processing comprising the steps of:

monitoring whether or not a transmission request for data, which designates the particular apparatus itself as a transmission destination, has been issued by said particular apparatus or the other apparatus connected thereto through a network;

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generating a process to serve as a reception destination for the data, when the monitoring step has detected the reception of the pertinent data; and

transferring the data received by the process, to a transmission request destination in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type.

16. A data communication method for a radio communication system wherein apparatuses communicate through a radio channel, comprising the steps of:

(a) monitoring if a transmission request for data, which designates a particular one of the apparatuses as a transmission destination, has been issued by the particular apparatus or another of said apparatuses connected thereto through a network;

(b) generating a process to serve as a reception destination for the data and also generating a buffer in correspondence with the process, when the issue of the transmission request has detected;

(c) transferring the data from a transmission request source to said process in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type, so as to store in the buffer the data transmitted by the transmission request source; and

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(d) transmitting the data stored in said buffer, to said other apparatus through the radio channel.

5 17. A data communication method as defined in Claim 16, wherein in step (d), transmission destination information to be designated is transmitted in accordance with a protocol of an upper layer with respect to layers of said radio channel.

18. A data communication method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising the step of:

(e) detecting a data storing state of said buffer;

15 wherein in step (c), a communication speed of the virtual circuit type communications is controlled in accordance with a result of the detection.

20 19. A data communication method as defined in Claim 16, further comprising the step of:

(f) specifying a sequence number of the transmission data at a point of time of disconnection when said radio channel has been disconnected;

25 wherein in step (d), the data transmission

is restarted from the data of the specified sequence number when said radio channel has been re-connected.

5 20. A data communication method as defined in claim 16, wherein when a plurality of such buffers have been generated in step (b), step (d) operates to read out data successively from the buffers of higher priority levels in accordance with priority levels set for the respective buffers, and to transmit the read data.

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21. A data communication method as defined in claim 16, wherein when a plurality of such buffers have been generated in step (b), step (d) operates to
15 transmit data stored in the respective buffers while setting transmission cycles of the data stored in said buffers of higher priority levels, shorter in accordance with priority levels set for said respective buffers.

20 22. A data communication method as defined in claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

(g) storing data sent back in response to the data transmission of step (d), in a cache memory;

25 (h) making a search as to whether data

requested by said transmission request source is stored in the cache memory; and

(i) reading the requested data out of said cache memory and transmitting the read data to said transmission request source, when the data requested by said transmission request source is stored in the cache memory.

81239 A data communication method for a radio communication system wherein apparatuses communicate through a radio channel, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving data sent in through the radio channel;

(b) monitoring whether or not the received data conforms to a protocol suspended in layers of said radio channel;

(c) generating a process to serve as a reception destination for the data, when the reception of the data conforming to the protocol has been detected; and

(d) transferring the data received by the process, to a transmission request destination in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type.

24. A data communication method as defined in claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

(e) storing data sent back from the transmission request destination in response to the data transfer, in a cache memory;

(f) making a search as to whether or not data requested by the data received through said radio channel is registered in the cache memory; and

(g) transmitting the requested data in said cache memory, to said transmission request source through said radio channel when said requested data is registered in said cache memory.

25. A data communication method for a radio communication system wherein apparatuses communicate through a radio channel, comprising the steps of:

(a) transmitting data requested by a transmission source, in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type by employing a protocol of an upper layer with respect to layers of the radio channel;

(b) transmitting the data transmitted by employing the protocol of the upper layer, through said radio channel by employing a protocol of the layers of said radio channel; and

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(c) transmitting the data transmitted by employing said protocol of said layers of said radio channel, to a transmission request destination in accordance with the virtual circuit type communications by employing said protocol of said upper layer with respect to said layers of said radio channel.

10 / 26. A radio communication system wherein different apparatuses communicate through a radio channel, comprising:

a first apparatus comprising:

15 first communication means for receiving data which is to be transmitted from a transmission request source within a particular one of the different apparatuses to a transmission request destination within another of said different apparatuses in accordance with communications of virtual circuit type by employing a protocol of an upper layer with respect to layers of the radio channel; and

20 first radio communication means for transmitting data inputted from said first communication means to the other apparatus through said radio channel in accordance with a protocol of

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the layers of said radio channel; and

a second apparatus comprising:

second radio communication means for
receiving the data transmitted in from said first
radio communication means through said radio channel
in accordance with the protocol of said layers of said
radio channel; and

second communication means for
transmitting the data received by said second radio
communication means, to the transmission request
destination within the particular apparatus in
accordance with the virtual circuit type
communications by employing the protocol of the upper
layer with respect to said layers of said radio
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A radio communication system, comprising:
a client comprising:

first inter-process communication means
for transmitting and receiving data which are
exchanged between said client and a server, by
communications of virtual circuit type in conformity
with a protocol of an upper layer with respect to
layers of a radio channel; and

first radio communication means for

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third inter-process communication means

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